

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 and canceled claims 3 and 13. Reconsideration of the present application in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non-statutory subject matter. Examiner states that should Applicants add “computer-implemented” before “method” in the preamble of independent claim 1, this rejection would be overcome. Applicants have amended claim 1 as the Examiner suggested. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner’s 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,781,339, Nesser et al. (“Nesser”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,515, Conner et al. (“Conner”). Further, the Examiner rejected claims 3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nesser in view of Conner and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,032, Sheridan et al. (“Sheridan”).

As correctly recognized by the Examiner, Nesser and Conner do not teach or make any disclosure regarding generating an error report. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner’s 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections to claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-20 have been overcome by the current amendments to the independent claims.

With respect to the Examiner's rejections of originally filed claims 3 and 13, the Examiner contends that Sheridan discloses generating an error report table. Applicants respectfully submit that no combination of Nesser, Conner and Sheridan discloses, teaches or renders obvious auditing header information and detail information and generating an error report based on the auditing results, as presently claimed in each of the independent claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the amendments to the independent claims, the Examiner's §103(a) rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's §103(a) rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

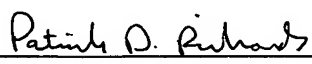
Applicants assert that this application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 372-2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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